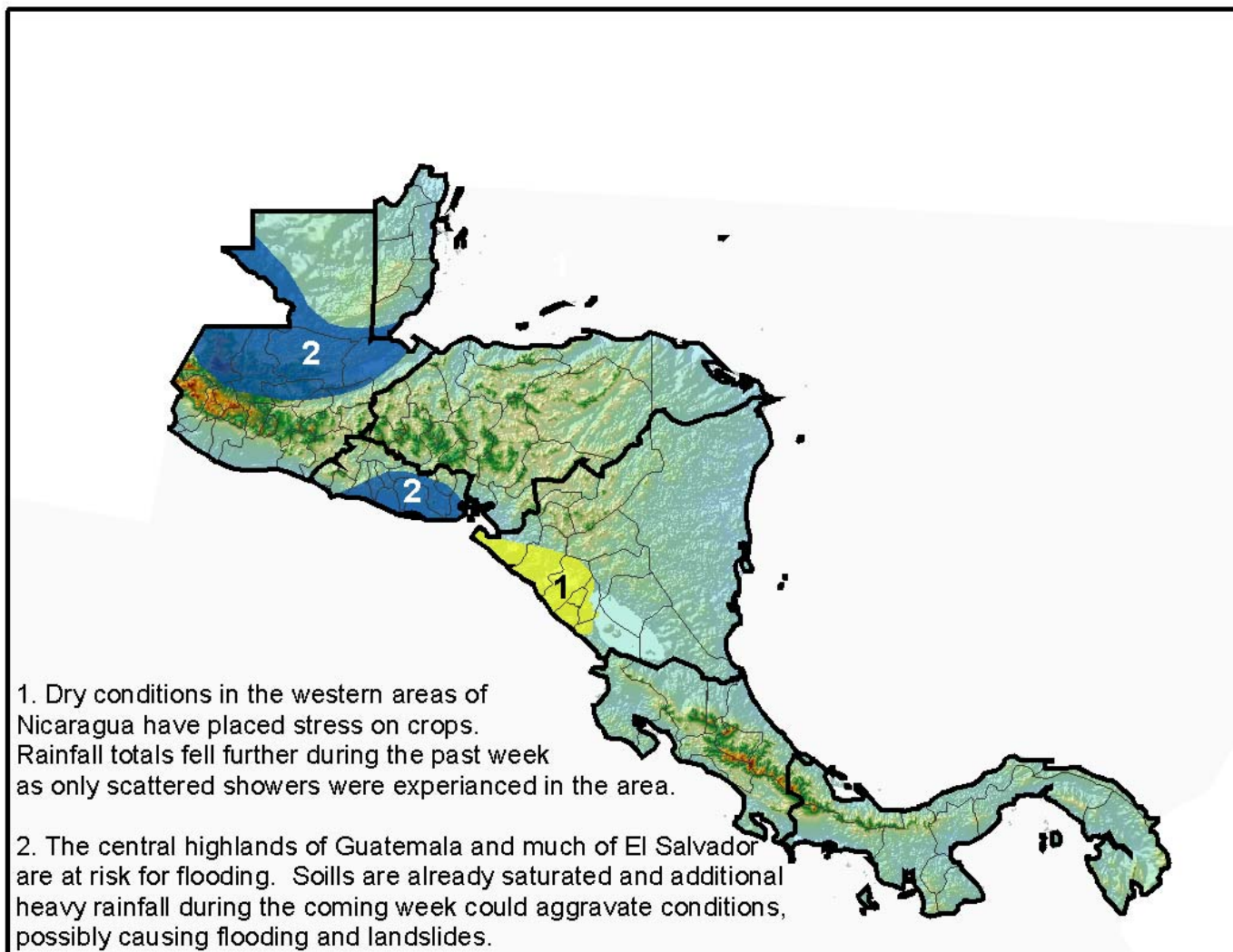


## The MFEWS

### Central America Weather Hazards and Benefits Assessment

For

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### ***Hazards Assessment Text Explanation:***

- 1) Along most of the Pacific coast of Nicaragua, dryness continues to expand. Much of the area has experience below normal precipitation which has placed some stress on crops. Less than 150 mm of rainfall has fallen on the area since the beginning of June. During July the rains have been erratic as well as light. Continued below normal rainfall is expected to continue into the coming period.
- 2) An over abundance of moisture continues to fall on central Guatemala and El Salvador. Heavy precipitation will persist into the coming week, and will bring with it the continued possibility of flooding and landslides. Rainfall totals since May in the area have exceeded 1000 millimeters in some locations. With soils already saturated the heavy rainfall during the coming period could be problematic, but only locally.

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